

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, and they are the foundation of our communities, our state, and our nation; and,

Whereas, An average of 5,411 children per month reside with and/or are cared for by other family members, both formally and informally through the Department of Social Services; and,

Whereas, Family members open their homes and hearts to provide a source of love, support, and belonging to their kin in times of need, and they play a vital role in helping families remain strong and connected; and,

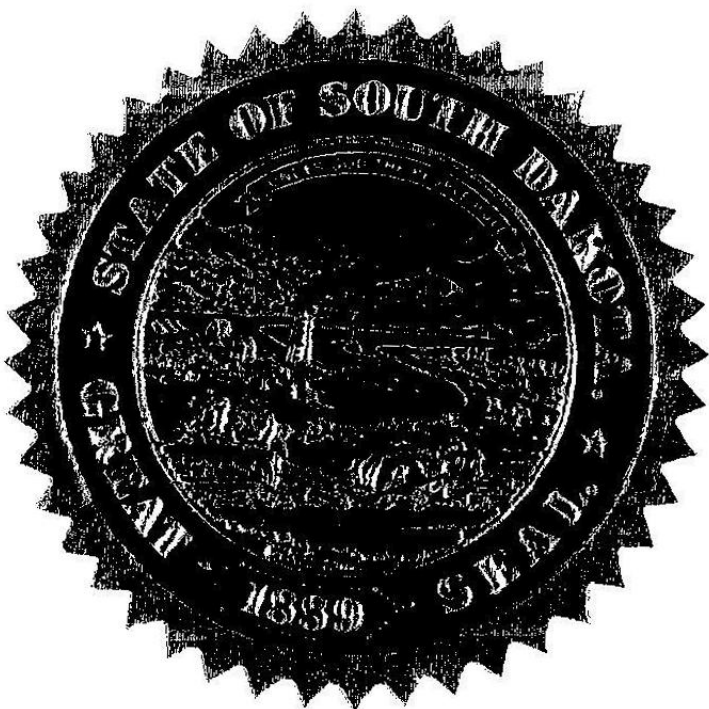
Whereas, Dedicated kinship families know no boundaries of race, creed, culture, or social status; and,

Whereas, There are numerous tribal, state, and local agencies who encourage and support kinship care and acknowledge the enduring and valuable contribution of kinship families:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as

KINSHIP APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I honor and applaud all kinship families for the valuable role they play in supporting our children.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jeresa Bray
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State